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ROLLOVER PROTECTION GUIDE

The Wisconsin Rural Health Research Center issued a new publication, *Rollover Protection Directory: A Guide to Tractor Roll Bars and Other Rollover Protective Structures*. The directory lists tractor models for which protective structures are available and provides information on suppliers, price and other important features. Although most new tractors are sold with factory-installed rollover protective devices, only 30 percent of the 4.5 million tractors in use on U. S. farms are equipped with these devices. The 65 page guide, the first such comprehensive source for this information, was distributed nationwide to over 4,800 Cooperative Extension Service offices and agricultural cooperatives.

Dr. Robert Harmon, Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, (HHS), is hopeful that the issuance and distribution of this guide will help reduce the number of deaths caused by tractor rollovers -- a leading cause of farm fatalities. The directory was funded by the Office of Rural Health Policy, HHS. RIC will provide specific directory information about the various protective structures; this information may be obtained from RIC by calling 1-800-633-7701.

NEW RIC STATE COORDINATORS

State Extension Directors designated new coordinators: Clarice Olien, Minnesota; Jeff Goodwin, Texas; Rick Maurer, Kentucky; Marcius Butterfield, Delaware, and Fred Schmidt, Vermont.

NEW EXTENSION SERVICE LIAISON

The Federal Extension Service named Don L. Nelson as the new liaison for RIC. Don Nelson replaced Robert Lovan who is working on the staff of the Office of Small Communities and Rural Development of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

NEW RIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

Population Migration in Rural America. Prepared by Patricia La Caille John. Updated edition. 181 citations, January 1991, 18 p.

RIC OUTREACH

• Presentations

Revitalizing Rural America Conference: Louise Reynnells gave a RIC presentation on February 19 at the conference held in Athens, GA, February 18-20.

Council of Planning Librarians Annual Conference: Terri Brown gave a RIC presentation on March 23 at the conference session on "Rx for Rural America: Economic Development and Health Care," held in New Orleans, LA, March 22-23.

National Rural Development Workshop: Louise Reynnells gave a RIC presentation on March 27 at the USDA Forest Service Workshop on "Working Together for Rural America," held in Spokane, WA, March 26-28.

Radio Interview: A reporter from the Idaho Farm Bureau conducted a radio interview with Patricia



John about RIC and the new Health Service.

• Committee Appointment

Patricia John is serving on the Federal Employee Training Team. The team is responsible for defining the long-term rural development needs for Federal agency employees and assessing the capacity of the existing training system to meet those needs. This team is one of four management teams operating under the Management Group responsible for developing the implementation strategy for the Presidential Initiative on Rural Development. Walter Hill, Assistant Under Secretary for Small Communities & Rural Development, chairs the Management Group.

• Exhibits

"Rural America in the 1990's: New Challenges, New Approaches," Vienna, VA, January 10-11.

Rural Planning and Development Conference, Orlando, FL, February 13-15.

Revitalizing Rural America Conference, Athens, GA, February 18-20.

Public Library Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, March 20-23.

National Rural Development Workshop, Spokane, WA, March 26-28.

FY91 MID-YEAR RURAL INFORMATION CENTER ANALYSIS

- User location
- Rural topics
- Affiliation

STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC. SUBMITTING HIGHEST NUMBER OF REQUESTS

Maryland..... 8%

District of Columbia 6%

Missouri & Texas (5% each) 10%

Colorado, Pennsylvania & Virginia
(4% each) 12%

Illinois, Minnesota, Montana,
New York, North Dakota, Ohio,
Oklahoma (3% each)..... 21%

Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida,
Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan,
Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina,
Oregon, Tennessee, Washington,
West Virginia, Wisconsin,
Wyoming (2% each) 34%

All others (20 states, 2 territories and
6 foreign countries) 9%

BREAKDOWN OF RURAL REVITALIZATION QUESTIONS

Economic Viability.....37%

Health Services28%

Quality of Life/Natural Resources24%

Local Government Services8%

Leadership/Community Change..... 3%

AFFILIATION BREAKDOWN

State & County Extension Staff.....27%

Universities &
Individuals (13% each)26%

Health Care Professionals,
Officials, etc.....7%

Local Officials, USDA Officials,
Community/Rural/Economic
Development Organizations, &
Businesses (6% each).....24%

Special Interest Groups5%

State Officials4%

Federal Officials (non USDA) &
Libraries (3% each).....6%

Congress.....1%